

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Young S10309

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State of South Carolina, Union District} To Wit

On this to wit the seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord 1838 personally appeared before John J. Pratt Judge of the Court of Ordinary of Union District in the State of South Carolina, Thomas Young, a resident of the aforesaid State & District & aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn in open Court according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the seventh day of June in the year of our Lord 1832, that he volunteered in the service of the State of South Carolina under Captain Benjamin Jolly of Col. Thomas Brandon's regiment about the last of May or the first of June in the year 1780. At the time of his volunteering he was a resident of Ninety Six District which place of residence is in that subdivision now know by the name of Union District. He marched thence to North Carolina in Rowan County & returned in the latter part of the Summer to York District, or the territory now known by that name, & was engaged in a skirmish with a party of Tories at Stallions house [Stallions Plantation, July 12, 1780]. He thence returned to North Carolina & met Col. Williams [James Williams] above Charlotte & was united to his Corps & after uniting with other troops proceeded to Kings Mountain & was actively engaged during that remarkable conflict [Battle of Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780]. After this engagement, the Corps to which he was attached returned to their homes or to the neighborhood of their former residences but still remaining on duty subject to the command of their officers. His next adventure was that of uniting under the same officers with General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] at Grindal Shoals on Pacolet River & marching thence to the Cowpens where he was engaged in that engagement against Col. Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] on the 17th January 1781 [Battle of Cowpens]. In this engagement he received many severe wounds & was made a prisoner & carried near the camp of Lord Cornwallis. Whence he made his escape, he was then disabled by his wounds for near one month. He then volunteered under Captain Joseph Hughes & marched to Buck Head [Buckhead, Fort Motte, May 12, 1781] & attended the siege of that fort. But before that fort was taken, went off with a detachment against Orangeburg [May 11, 1781] & took that fort under the command of Genl. Sumter [Thomas Sumter]. He was thence under the command of Sumter marched to Granby on Congaree River where he was dismissed from service. He then proceeded voluntarily to Ninety Six & joined his old company under Captain Jolly, who was under the command of Col. Brandon of Pickens' [Andrew Pickens'] Brigade. He continued in the siege laid to this fort [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781] until the siege was raised. He was then detached with the Corps to which he belonged to scour the up country & prevent the mischief & depredations of the Tories, where he continued in service to the end of the War. The Court propounded the following interrogatories:

Where & in what year were you born?

Answered: 17th January 1764 in Laurens District in this State.

2nd Have you any record of your age?

Answered: No, but Christopher Brandon says that he has & that I was born in February 1764.

Where were you living at the time of your volunteering? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live?

Answered: I have lived since my first recollection in this District & in the same neighborhood.

Inter. 4th: How were you called in to service?

Answered: I volunteered

Inter. 5th: State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served.

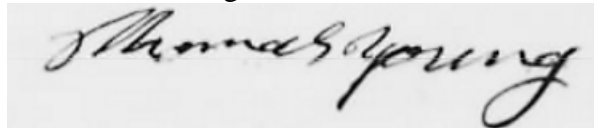
Answered: I have as fully as my recollection will permit answered this interrogatory in my declaration.

Inter. 6th: Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?

Answered: No. I never did. I continued until the end of the war when I was formally dismissed from service, without any written discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity that is incompatible with the present claim and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State, except that of South Carolina the Roll of invalid pensioners under the act of Congress passed the 4th day of February 1822.

S/ Thomas Young



Sworn to 7 subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ J. J. Pratt, Judge of the court of Ordy.

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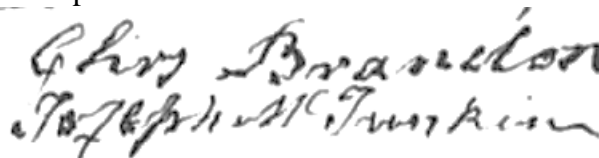
We whose names are hereunto subscribed say on our oaths, that we have been personally acquainted with Thomas Young the present applicant for a pension, & were with him in the most of the engagements of which he speaks in the above Declaration, & that from our personal knowledge of him during the revolutionary war & his character for veracity cents we did not doubt the truth of his Declaration.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 17th of April 1838

S/ J. J. Pratt, Judge of the Court of Ordy.

S/ Chris Brandon¹

S/ Joseph McJunkin²



¹ [Christopher Brandon S9288](#)

² [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

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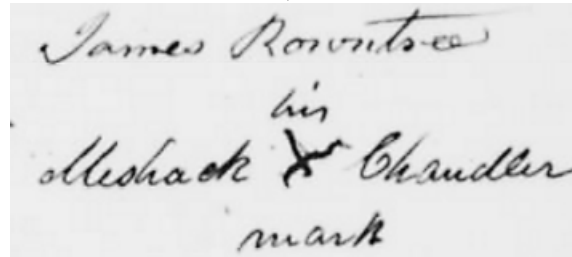
Personally appeared James Rountree Esquire and Meshack Chandler both residing in Union District who on their oaths say that they knew and was personally acquainted with Thomas Young the Applicant during the Revolutionary War and many of the circumstances detailed in his declaration from within their knowledge and from report them and since they fully believe his declaration as stated to be true --

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 17th of April 1838

S/ J. J. Pratt, Judge

S/ James Rountree

S/ Meshack Chandler,³ X his mark

A photograph of a handwritten document. The text reads "James Rountree" on the first line, "his" on the second line, "Meshack X Chandler" on the third line, and "mark" on the fourth line. The signature is written in cursive.

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In the Court of Common Pleas appeared in open court, Major Joseph McJunkin, Captain Joshua Palmer⁴ and Jeremiah Gregory, and made oath that they have known Major Thomas Young from his childhood, that the said Thomas entered the service of his country in the Revolutionary war, in the month of June 1780, that he continued constantly in the service of his country until the close of the Revolution except for a short time that he was disabled from wounds received in battle. On the 16th of January 1781, agreeable to notice given by General Morgan the said Thomas Young joined the Cavalry commanded by Colonel William Washington, and on the 17th in the battle of the Cowpens, he received several severe sword wounds, as follows to wit one on the right forearm, one on the posterior part of the right shoulder, one on the point of the left shoulder, one on the forehead and another on the back part of his head. That these wounds are at present calculated to prevent the said Thomas Young from their effects as well as increasing age from obtaining a livelihood from his own industry. That the said Thomas Young since the close of the Revolution, has constantly resided in Union District, and has been a farmer by profession, -- That he is now about 64 years of age and is in need of the aid of his country.

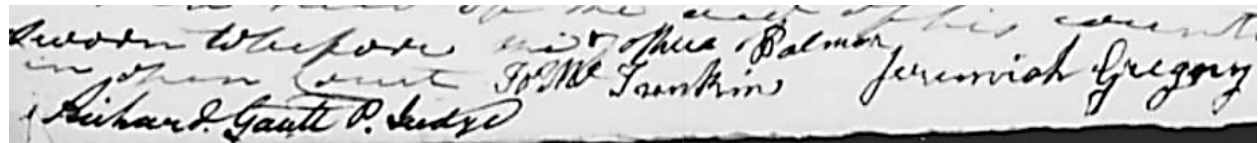
Sworn to before me in open Court

S/ Richard Gantt, P. Judge

S/ Jos McJunkin

S/ Jeremiah Gregory

S/ Joshua Palmer

A photograph of a handwritten document showing three signatures. From left to right: "Richard Gantt P. Judge", "Jos McJunkin", and "Jeremiah Gregory". The text is written in cursive.

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³ [Shadrack Chandler S31606](#)

⁴ [Joshua Palmer S21912](#)

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In the Court of Common Pleas Appeared in open Court Major Thomas Young and made oath, that in the month of June 1780, he went into the service of the United States in the revolutionary war in the Regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Brandon that he was at the battle of Kings Mountain, and at the affair at Hammonds old store [December 29, 1780], that on the evening of 16th of January 1781, (Agreeable to notice and permission from General Morgan) he joined the Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Colonel William Washington, that in the battle of the Cowpens on the 17th of January, this deponent received several severe sword wounds as follows to wit on the right forearm, one on the posterior part of the right shoulder, one on the point of the left shoulder, one on the forehead and one on the back part of the said. That from the effects of the last mentioned wound this deponent is disabled from attaining his subsistence by his own industry. That he was for some time disabled from doing any duty on account of the said wounds, that as soon as he was able to ride a horse, he again commenced service under the command of Colonel Brandon, that he was at the siege of a Fort at Buckhead and at the siege of Orangeburg. That he afterwards joined the Army under the command of General Greene at the siege of 96, that he continued to serve until the close of the revolutionary war in the scouting parties. That since the close of the Revolution he has constantly resided in Union District which is his present place of residence. That he has been engaged in the occupation -- a farmer. This deponent states that the reason why he has not sooner applied for a pension was that as long as he was able to procure a subsistence by his own industry and exertions, he was unwilling to burthen [burden] his country with his support. This deponent further swears that he is not on the pension list of any State.

Sworn to in open Court before me

S/ Richard Gantt, Presiding Judge

S/ Thos Young

State of South Carolina, Union District

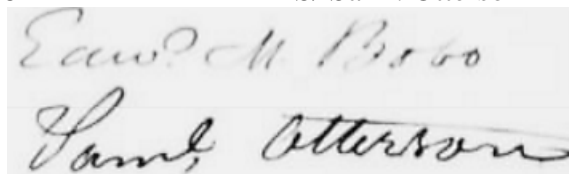
In the Common Pleas. Appeared in open Court Drs. E. M. Bobo and Samuel Otterson and after being duly sworn saith that they have examined Major Thomas Young formerly a soldier in the Revolutionary war, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Washington and upon examination they find that he bears the scars of wounds of the character and description as follows to wit on the right forearm, which at first disabled him, but from which he is now entirely recovered, a puncture in the posterior part of the right shoulder perhaps through the scapular which is not at this time however a source of any great inconvenience, also one on the point of his left shoulder and one on the anterior part of his said, neither of which at this time is troublesome. He has one however on the posterior part of his head which from the prominent edges of the occipital bone, they are of opinion that that bone was cut quite through and they are of opinion from the examination of the wound and said Thomas Young that this last mentioned wound is at least a disability which would render him three fourths helpless to obtain his support by his own industry than he otherwise would be.

Sworn to before me in open Court

Examination close on the 12th of March 1828

S/ Edwd. Bobo

S/ Saml. Otterson

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Edwd. M. Bobo" and the bottom signature reads "Saml. Otterson".

S/ Richard Gantt, Presiding Judge

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$39.18 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months 12 days in the South Carolina militia, all as a private in the cavalry.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to Thomas Young⁶ AA68
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 8865

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No. 2440 Book X

18 April 1786

Thomas Young

For 376 Days Duty as A horseman from the 7th of May 1782 the 25th February 1782, alternatingly in Captains Jolly [Benjamin Jolley] & Hughes's [Joseph Hughes's] Company in Colonel Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment.

Amount

To Curry £376.0.0

Sterling £53.14.3.1

Fifty Three Pounds, Fourteen Shillings & Three Pence one Farthing Sterling

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The State of South Carolina

To Thomas Young Dr

To 320 Days Duty as Horseman from the 7th May 1782 the 25th of June 1781 Justis

P [per] Pay Bill of Capt. Benjamin Jolley £320

Certified by Colonel Brandon @ 20/

To 56 Days Duty as its from the 1st January 2/25 February 1782

per pay Bill of Captain Hughes 56

£376

Stg.

£53.14.3.1

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Received full Satisfaction for the within an\nd Indent No. 2440—X p. Order

S/ Thos. Brandon [Thomas Brandon]



22 February 1786

⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

⁶ This file contains documents relating to several men named "Thomas Young." The page numbers indicate the pages on which I found documents relating to this veteran, in my opinion. Use with caution and verify for you own satisfaction.